

To such magnificent places,  
 all of us you have taken . . .  
 With your life's trajectories . . .  
 your life's paths,  
 as up to the heavens like a comet's tail so  
 streaking past!  
 To all of those new frontiers,  
 that which you have so opened up so up here!  
 That which now so lies before us all so very  
 clear!  
 As the possibilities seem so endless now,  
 so here!  
 For as long as we have such fine sons,  
 of such courage and faith as all of these ones!  
 Americans,  
 who in the name of exploration so shine like  
 the sun!  
 Who,  
 against all odds . . .  
 almost like God's, will so courageously soar  
 . . .  
 To distant worlds, and shores . . .  
 To find the answers to so explore . . .  
 Then, the sky has no limit anymore . . .  
 to such new frontiers as you soar . . .  
 So on this day as we place!  
 These gold medals,  
 around each one of your most courageous  
 face!  
 History for you now so holds your place . . .  
 As something that time,  
 nor so distance . . .  
 can now so erase . . .  
 For as long as we have such bold woman and  
 men . . .  
 Who so dare to dream, so then!  
 And go out towards Exploration's most far-  
 thest ends . . .  
 Then, we shall all go so forth Godspeed to  
 command!  
 To Such New Frontiers, my friend.

**EDEN PRAIRIE HIGH SCHOOL  
 GIRLS VOLLEYBALL WINS STATE  
 CHAMPIONSHIP**

**HON. ERIK PAULSEN**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 15, 2011*

Mr. PAULSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Eden Prairie Eagles for winning their first ever Minnesota AAA High School Girls Volleyball Championship on Saturday.

The Eden Prairie Eagles came out strong and played with all their hearts from the very first serve of the match in a hard fought and thrilling five-game series.

The Eagles ultimately surged ahead to take the final game 22-20 and win the Championship.

The Eden Prairie Eagles have shown what it truly means to be student-athletes. Having exuded remarkable dedication and a strong work ethic that our entire community can be proud of, it is my pleasure to congratulate them all on an inspiring season and victory.

Go Eagles!

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ERNEST  
 LOVATO**

**HON. BEN RAY LUJÁN**

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 15, 2011*

Mr. LUJÁN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Ernest Lovato, a resident of Kewa Pueblo, formerly Santo Domingo Pueblo, New

Mexico for being awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters degree from Bacone College on May 7, 2011.

Mr. Lovato was nominated by Dr. Robert J. Duncan, Jr., President and Professor of Religion, as a 1957 Bacone Alum, 1982–1984 Bacone Trustee and for his services as former Governor of Kewa Pueblo. Ernest has been outstandingly active in his community and served as Governor of Kewa Pueblo in 1989, 1990, and 2002.

Bacone College is a private four-year liberal arts college in Muskogee, Oklahoma and was founded in 1880 as an Indian University by Professor Almon C. Bacone, a missionary teacher. With the help of the American Baptist Home Mission Society in the Cherokee Baptist Mission at the Tahlequah, Indian Territory, Bacone College was established.

Bacone College has strong historic ties to various tribal nations including the Cherokee Nation and the Muscogee Creek Nation. When the College started Professor Bacone enrolled three students and was the sole faculty member. By the end of the first semester he had twelve students, and by the end of the first year the student population was fifty-six and the faculty numbered three.

Bacone College continued to grow, relocated to its present location in 1885 and now serves over nine hundred students.

I want to extend congratulations and recognition to Mr. Ernest Lovato, an outstanding New Mexican, on being awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters degree from Bacone College.

**TRIBUTE TO THE NATIVITY OF  
 OUR LORD CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

**HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 15, 2011*

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Nativity of Our Lord Catholic School in Warminster, Pennsylvania for receiving the 2011 National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence Award. In 1982, the National Blue Ribbon Schools Program was launched by the U.S. Department of Education in an effort to identify the best school leadership and teaching practices in America. Today, the National Blue Ribbon Schools Program recognizes both public and non-public schools where students and faculty excel. As one of only fourteen schools in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to receive this award, it is certainly a testament to the quality of education that the Nativity of Our Lord Catholic School provides.

An educated workforce is the backbone of a strong economy and a prosperous society. Therefore, it is essential that we equip our students with the tools they need to become successful employers and employees in the future. The Nativity of Our Lord Catholic School is a model of the type of excellence that all schools should aspire to. It is an institution that prepares our children to be future leaders and scholars, and I am proud to honor it today.

I am extremely grateful of the hard work and dedication of the administrators, faculty, students, and parents who are involved with the Nativity of Our Lord Catholic School. A few in-

dividuals that I would like to personally recognize are Father Angelo R. Citino, Principal Roselee Maddaloni, and Vice Principal Laura Clark, for their continued efforts in providing an environment for excellence.

Congratulations once again to the Nativity of Our Lord Catholic School for winning the National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence Award. Thank you for all that you do for the Bucks County community, it is an honor to be your representative in the United States Congress.

**EDEN PRAIRIE HIGH SCHOOL BOYS  
 SOCCER WINS STATE CHAMPIONSHIP**

**HON. ERIK PAULSEN**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 15, 2011*

Mr. PAULSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize this year's Minnesota AA High School Boys Soccer Champions, the Eden Prairie Eagles. Aside from having one of the best academic programs in Minnesota, the Eden Prairie School District is now home to boys state soccer champions for the second time since 2002.

Despite going up against an undefeated team, the Eagles struck early, scoring their first goal in the fourth minute of the championship game. The Eden Prairie Eagles kept up the pressure, and were relentless on offense, putting up 14 shots on goal and winning the game 3-1.

Congratulations to the whole team on an incredible season, I'm sure you will all look back proudly on your accomplishments in the years to come. Congratulations also to coach Vince Thomas for his leadership on and off the field.

Go Eagles!

**HONORING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY  
 OF THE CLOSE-UP FOUNDATION**

**HON. JAMES LANKFORD**

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 15, 2011*

Mr. LANKFORD. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in honor of the Close-Up Foundation on their 40th Anniversary. Since 1971, Close Up has educated over 750,000 students and teachers in the democratic process through their Washington-based civic education programs and classroom publications.

Close-Up provides students and teachers from diverse backgrounds all over the country with the opportunity to use the institutions and historical sites of our nation's capital as a backdrop for their lectures, small group discussions, and interactions with key policy experts. The programs are designed to enrich students' knowledge of the basic concepts and institutions of American constitutional government and develop a practical understanding of the processes of the democratic political system and the role of its citizens. They leave each student with a better understanding of the complex policy issues that surround our country every day.

As a 10th grader on my first trip to Washington, D.C. with the Close-Up Foundation, I